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SUBJ: DUTCH COMMENTS ON XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS AND TN MANDATE

REF: HAGUE 2926 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: AG ATT HAD LONG SESSION WITH MIN AG OFFICIALS, DISCUSSIONS  
RANGED OVER EC POSITION ON XXIV:6 AND MTN IN WAKE JUNE 25-26

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COUNCIL MINISTERS MEETING; AND U.S. EXPORT CONTROLS ON SOYBEANS,

COTTONSEED AND THEIR PRODUCTS. LAST ASPECT OF MEETING AND DUTCH OFFICIALS COMMENTS PERTAINING THERETO REPORTED SEPARATE TEL HAGUE 2926. DUTCH BELIEVE EC COMMISSION WILL WORK OUT LIMITED AND INDIRECT PACKAGE OFFER IN XXIV:6 CONTEXT AND NEGOTIATING MANDATE GIVE EC STARTING POINT FOR TALKING ABOUT AGRICULTURE IN MTN WHICH, WHILE RESTRICTED, MIGHT PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR SOME BROADENING DURING COURSE OF ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS. END SUMMARY

1. ON JUNE 29 AG ATT HAD TWO-HOUR SESSION WITH BERGMAN, DIRECTOR, DIRECTORATE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, AND BIERMANN AND GROENEVELD OF DIRECTORATE AGRICULTURAL TRADE POLICY. MIN AG MEETING INITIALLY SOUGHT BY AG ATT FOR PURPOSE INFORMAL TOUR D' HORIZON ON SPECIFIC COMMODITY MATTERS OF CONCERN TO UNITED STATES, A SUBJECT WHICH FAILED TO GET OFF THE GROUND, AND TO OBTAIN DUTCH VIEW OF RESULTS JUNE 25-26 COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING. U.S. EXPORT CONTROLS ON SOYBEANS, COTTONSEED AND THEIR PRODUCTS IMMEDIATELY RAISED BY DUTCH. THEIR REACTION AND COMMENTS THIS ASPECT DISCUSSION REPORTED SEPARATE TEL HAGUE 2926.

2. RE XXIV:6. DUTCH EXPRESSED THEIR DISPLEASURE OVER INFLEXIBLE FRENCH POSITION BUT THOUGHT LIMITED PROGRESS POSSIBLE BY INDIRECT MEANS. THIS WOULD TAKE FORM, THEY THOUGHT, AFTER QUOTE A HELL OF A PROCEDURAL WRANGLE UNQUOTE OF COMMISSION AND ARTICLE 113 COMMITTEE AGREEING ON SOME SPIN-OFF BENEFITS GOING TO UNITED STATES THROUGH OFFERS TO COUNTRIES WHICH EC CALCULATIONS SHOWED THE COMMUNITY OWED COMPENSATION. AG ATT SAID THERE WERE TWO THINGS WRONG WITH THIS. FIRST, IT MAINTAINED THE PRINCIPLE, BASED ON EC METHODS OF CALCULATION, THAT COMMUNITY OWED UNITED STATES NOTHING AND PRECLUDED DISCUSSION UNITED STATES CLAIMS BASED UPON OTHER METHODS OF CALCULATION. SECONDLY, AS A PRAGMATIC MATTER, LIKELY BENEFITS TO UNITED STATES THROUGH SUCH A PROCEDURE WOULD BE SO SMALL THAT IT WOULD NEITHER SATISFY OUR REQUIREMENTS AS TO ECONOMIC EQUITY NOR OUR POLITICAL NEEDS FOR A

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